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## Clean-up

Construction work continues on campus as road resurfacing goes on behind the Garrett-Strong Science Building. Dr. Robert Bush, vice president for environmental affairs, said that the roads should be completed by Aug. 15. [Missourian Photo/Phil Gerstheimer]

## University to decide construction bids

Bids for the University's waste-to-energy project are in and awaiting a decision by the Board of Regents.

The three companies who have submitted bids are the Paragon Energy Corporation of Kansas City, Midwestco of Chicago, Ill., and St. Joseph Industrial Heating, said Dr. Robert Bush, vice president of environmental affairs.

One company submitted five combinations for the project and the other two submitted one. Each proposal has four alternatives.

Bush said Dwight Branson, director of purchasing, has already gone over the proposals and Bush has to go over them before they can recommend one for the Board of Regents. The Board will decide at their Aug. 4 meeting.

"We've got to go out and visit three or four sites before we can put together recommendations," Bush said.

Bush said before a decision can be reached they have to analyze the equipment, hardware and different possibilities of each company.

"We asked for companies who've had experience in boiler installation," Bush said. "We're looking at a standard boiler process. Last time we were looking at an incinerator process." A boiler can burn wood, coal or pelletized city refuse while an incinerator only burns unprocessed fuel.

Earlier in April, the University's Board of Regents had accepted a \$1.5 million bid for the construction of the solid waste system from the Paragon Energy Corporation. A bill before the Missouri General Assembly and the

possibility that the United States money market would soften and bring about lower interest levels delayed the start of the waste-to-energy project.

The new plant will have the capacity of producing up to 90 percent of the University's peak demand for steam by burning up to 80 tons of wood waste per day. The University now burns natural gas and fuel oil to heat and cool the campus.

Statistics indicate that the plant will pay for itself in a period of no more than seven years, and the equipment will be good for 50 years.

Other bids for University projects are now in the works.

"We'll be requesting bids for a racquetball addition on the north side of Lamkin Gym in the first of August," Bush said.

Right now there are two courts downstairs in the gym.

"These courts will be completely above ground," Bush said. "There will also be some storage."

Bush said indoor tennis courts, badminton courts and a running surface will be completed by the end of July. They are also located in Lamkin.

Other work in the gym includes a new trophy case and painting.

Bids for the new library and performing arts building are due in the fall, Bush said.

"We haven't finalized the designs yet," he said. "It takes 150 to 175 pages of drawings for just one building."

Bush also said the theater walls of the Administration Building which were

knocked down this week will be replaced by a parking lot.

"This parking lot will make up for some of the parking lost to the new library," he said.

Bids to redo the roof of the Ad Building will be opening at the end of July.

Another University construction project, the aquatic center, is proceeding on schedule, Bush said.

"We're very pleased with the contractor," he said.

Also under construction are two new paved roads to be built by O'Riley Brothers Construction Company of Maryville.

Two old storage facilities near Garrett-Strong have been demolished by Nodaway Construction Company, making way for a hard surface street on Northwest Drive. The gravel road is closed to traffic and Bush said the new road should be completed by Aug. 15.

After the paving of Northwest Drive is completed, a similar project will involve Normal Drive.

As a result of closing the west half of Northwest Drive, the University has opened the parking lot between the Administration Building and Garrett-Strong Science Building.

After the paving of Northwest Drive is completed, a similar project involve Normal Drive to the east of the Valk Industrial Arts Building. Normal connects the city's Seventh and Ninth Streets and is now a gravel road. Bush said this road should be completed by Sept. 1.

## Scorching heat wave hangs on in Midwest

By Janice Corder

The heat wave that has killed 143 people as of July 8 is not only uncomfortable, but also an economic problem and a health hazard.

The heat, which has smothered the southern plains and the southwest for the last two and a half weeks, is hardest on the elderly. To survive these hot days, people, especially the elderly, should limit outdoor physical activities and increase fluid intake.

In Maryville, one person has been admitted for possible heat exhaustion, said Greg Vinardi, St. Francis Hospital administrator. The University Health Center has had no patients with heat-related ailments, but they have had about eight cases of sunburn since summer school started, said Sally Kloss, R.N.

"The worst time of the day for sunburns is between 10 and 2," Kloss said. "You should start with a few minutes a day and work your way up."

Health problems throughout the plains, especially the southwest, have been more serious than sunburns. Heat stroke, as well as heat exhaustion, have caused some of the deaths.

"Heat stroke is very, very serious," said Lana Givens, R.N. at the University Health Center. "A person quits perspiring. His body temperature goes up to as high as 105 degrees."

Givens said heat stroke can cause the victim to have convulsions and can sometimes be fatal.

"It usually happens when someone gets way, way too hot for a very, very long time," Givens said. "It gets to where the body can't fight the heat anymore."

The first thing done for heat stroke victims is to completely immerse them in ice.

"We're also working on a considerable amount of street patching on the University roads," Bush said.

On July 21 the University will hold an open hearing to discuss all the ongoing and future construction projects.

"The most important thing is to get the body temperature down," she said.

Dehydration or physical activity is not necessarily related to heat stroke, said Givens.

A lesser form of heat stroke is heat exhaustion.

"With heat exhaustion the patient may faint and perspire a lot. With heat stroke, perspiration stops all together," Givens said. "Heat exhaustion is not nearly as serious, but it can be if it goes untreated."

The most important treatment for heat exhaustion is to get the victim out of the heat and cooled off.

"Heat exhaustion is more common than heat stroke," Givens said.

Thirteen aliens died in the Arizona desert last week after being stranded without water by smugglers, reported the Kansas City Times.

According to the Times article the aliens had walked about 30 miles along the Mexican border. The temperature along the border was 109 degrees.

"They were carrying their own water (when they crossed the border) but they didn't have enough to last them even a day," said Superintendent Franklin Wallace of the Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument.

In temperatures above 100 degrees, the average person loses one-half gallon of body water an hour when walking at a pace of about three mph, said Earl Scott, an Immigration and Naturalization Service Patrol agent.

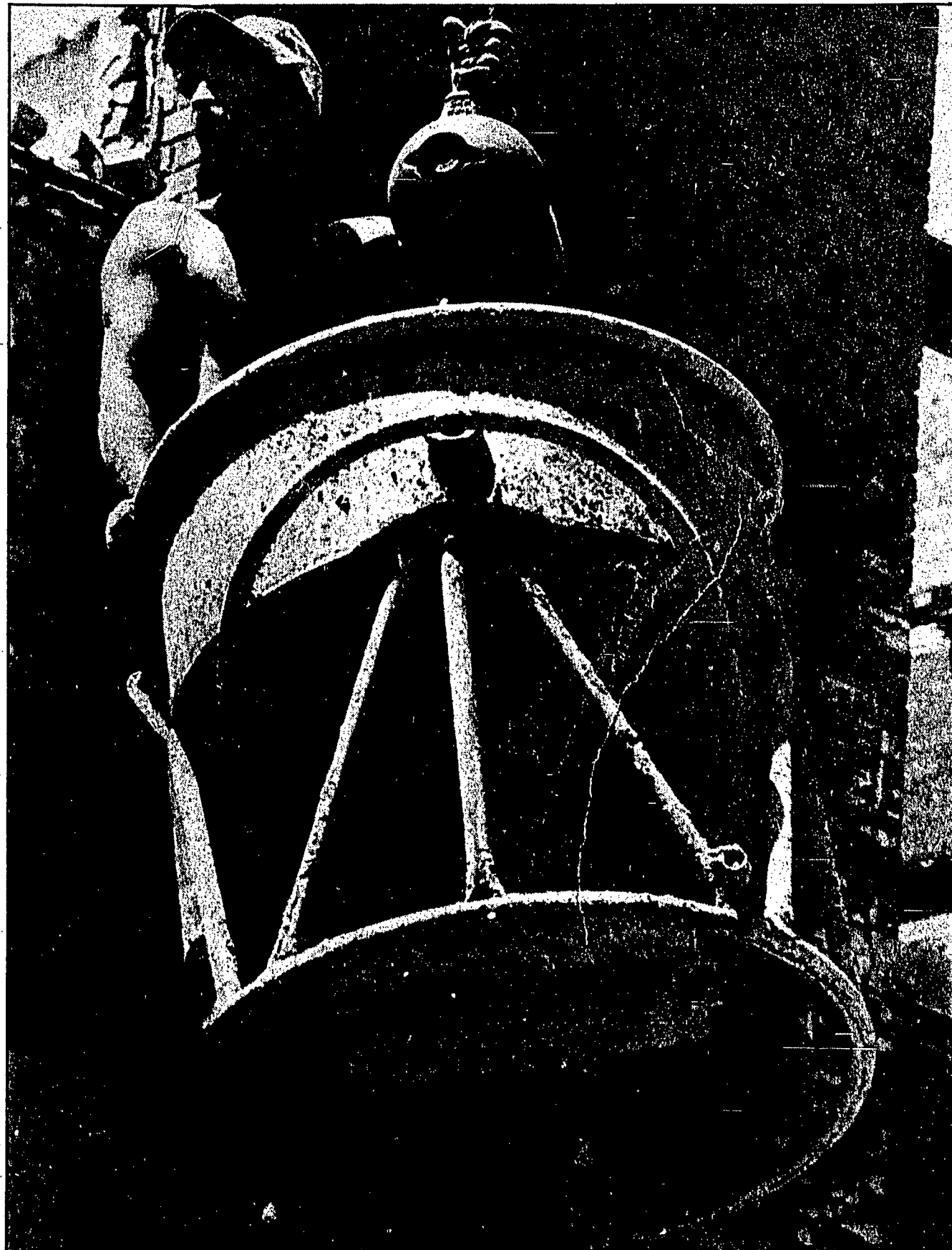
Brother Damion of Conception Abbey said this heat wave is not breaking any area records, but on June 28 the temperature tied the all time high for the month of June with 103 degrees.

Heat waves like this one usually don't last more than a week or 10 days at a time, Damion said.

"Usually, a front will come in and break it up every week or 10 days," he said.

Although this heat wave may seem like the worst in memory, Damion said in July of 1936, 22 days out of the month had highs between 101 and 110 degrees and the remaining days with highs between 97 and 100 degrees.

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A member of the O'Riley Brothers Construction Company attempts to hook a cable around the theater walls that remained standing after last July's Administration Building fire. The crew abandoned this way of tearing down the walls a day later. After the walls are torn down and cleaned up, the space will be turned into a parking lot. [Missourian Photo/Dave Gleeske]

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# Owens returns from China trip

After President B.D. Owens returned from a 17-day trip in communist China, he said he had never been so glad to have his American passport.

"It was certainly an experience," Owens said. "But when you don't have the freedoms that we have in America, you really miss them."

Owens and his wife spent from July 1 to 17 in the People's Republic of China as a part of a 25-person scientific and cultural delegation sponsored by the Edgar Snow Foundation at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. Owens, a trained economist, was the only university president on the trip. Mrs. Owens went as a cultural delegate.

The sponsoring Edgar Snow Foundation honors the late Missouri journalist who spent much of his adult life in China after graduating from the School of Journalism at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

"The Chinese people have high regard for Snow because they feel he portrayed the plight of the Chinese people accurately," Owens said.

Snow's sensitivity to the struggles of the Chinese as revealed through his writings, one of which is the book *Red Star Over China*, and his friendship with the late Chairman Mao resulted in the

formation of an outreach program to China by the Foundation.

One of the major objects of the trip was to visit Chinese institutions of higher education, which are divided into national and regional schools.

"We visited many universities and the Chinese are very interested in our English as a Second Language program," Owens said. "In fact, there may be the possibility of us having some Chinese students come to the University for awhile."

Owens said there are several differences between their universities and Northwest.

"For one thing, the students are required to live on campus," Owens said. "The students are not allowed to date either, and actually, they have very little social contact."

Owens said the Chinese are dedicated to friendship with the United States.

"They see Russia as their primary adversary," Owens said. He also said that upon several occasions he tried to impress upon the Chinese that "our two peoples have to be responsible for maintaining world peace, and that can come only through education."

He also explained that China's major doctrinal grievance with Russia concerns the Chinese view that the

Russians are not practicing communism properly. According to basic communist teachings, there are four stages to communism--revolution, military control, elections and utopia. Russia, say the Chinese, will not allow the development past the second stage. Presently in China, some political and competitive elections at local and regional levels are allowed. Because of Russia's dependence on the military, China fears invasion.

Owens said he felt assured that the communist Chinese are involved in a movement to "become a part of the international community" in terms of economic development.

"Even though they did not want to talk about economics, they are beginning to redefine the boundaries to include a broader spectrum," Owens said.

On the first day of their visit, the delegation visited China's oldest research library in Ningbo.

"We were the first American delegation to visit Ningbo in more than 30 years," Owens said, "and we attracted quite a crowd. Within a matter of minutes there were probably 500 or 600 Chinese gathered around us, some who had never seen an American before."

Owens led the delegation to Hangzhou University, where they visited the University's library. They learned the history of higher education since the communists took control of the country in 1949 and during the cultural revolution of the late 1960s and early 1970s when learning was hindered while Chinese-style communism was purified.

Owens said it is evident the Chinese are pushing hard for development of technology and are turning to education to stimulate and speed this effort.

Higher education, like technology, is far behind that of developed nations, and one of the reasons is that the cultural revolution robbed the nation of a whole generation of its scholars, who were sent into the factories and agricultural communes.

Attending church services, a freedom allowed only since last September, was one of the highlights of the trip.

"It was standing room only," Owens said. "It was very moving for both the Chinese and us."

Owens said the church was a mixture of Presbyterian, Episcopalian, Baptist, Methodist and Seventh Day Adventist, but there were no hymnals or statues because they had all been destroyed in the cultural revolution.

## Myers takes over as news director

A gradual administrative change in the University News and Information Office became official July 1, with the appointment of Thomas Myers as director of news and information.

The position had been held by Robert Henry since 1969.

"In 1977 when Dr. Owens became president, he included my areas of responsibility to include supervision over the directors of alumni and broadcasting," Henry said. "Along with that, he gave me the additional title of public relations officer."

"I've found over the last three years that my time has been taken away from the office of news and information. As a result of that, and with his background and experience, it was thought best to give Tom the official responsibility of director of news and information. I think we're fortunate to have him."

Myers, who has a bachelor's degree in history and a master's degree in journalism from the University of Iowa, has worked as information specialist in the office for the past five years.

In his new capacity as office director, Myers will coordinate day-to-day operations.

"We still have the same number of people doing the same amount of work as we did before we reorganized," Myers said. "I'm the one now, though, that decides what stories we're going to write and how we're going to treat them."

"I've learned my trade from Bob Henry for the last five years," Myers said. "So there won't be any noticeable change in the way the office approaches things."

"In the last five years we've prided ourselves in our thorough coverage of campus events and people here. We hope to continue that tradition."

Myers cited some shortcomings in the information processing system currently in use in the office. When information is sent to the media concerning students, an editor often must sort through many names to find those with local interest, he said.

"We do a lot of hometown-type stories," Myers said. "I'd like to look into word processing by computer to simplify publications by area."

The change in directors in the office is one that has been occurring gradually over the last three years.

"Tom has assumed the duties and responsibilities of the office without changing gears," Henry said. "It's a transition that's occurring without really a ripple."

With the naming of Myers to the position, Henry will have more time to function as University public relations officer.

"One of the things that I will, hopefully, be able to do is to work a little more closely with alumni relations," Henry said. "We want to be a great deal more active in the alumni program

than we have been in the past to stimulate more interest in the University."

"In broadcasting we have some thoughts about increasing our programs, particularly in the area of television. That's going to take a lot of work. You just don't expand very rapidly, but we need to plan."

Though he will have more time now for his additional responsibilities, Henry hopes to stay close to the news and information office.

"I still plan to contribute heavily to the office of news and information," Henry said. "It's an office that's very close to my heart."

Another change in the office is the hiring of a new sports information director.

Red Cloud, Neb., was the sight of a trip taken by Dr. Virgil Albertini's Willa Cather Literature class.

The group left at 4 a.m. July 2 for the all-day venture. About eight to nine hours were spent at Red Cloud.

The trip was reflective of the novels and short stories that Cather, a Mid-Western authoress, had written. The setting in Red Cloud is the scene she wrote about.

The Cather childhood home, the Willa Cather Museum, churches mentioned in her writings and a railroad

Larry Cain, a 1970 University of Nebraska-Lincoln graduate, replaced Mike Kiser who resigned after serving as SID for the past nine years.

"What I've seen so far I like," Cain said. "It's kind of exciting. I'm looking forward to the job."

Cain's last job was with Idaho State University where he served as SID for the women's program. He has also had experience as a television sports commentator in Nebraska, Montana and Idaho.

"I'm going to try to form a better relationship with the media people in Kansas City. St. Joseph, Des Moines and Omaha," Cain said. "I realize NWMSU is not going to get a tremendous amount of play in the Kansas City Star, but I just want them to know we're here."

## Students study Willa Cather in original setting

were some of the things the groups had a chance to see.

"One of the disappointments of the trip was that we couldn't go out to the country because of the muddy roads," Albertini said. "The country, the Divide, is a scene where many of the events happen in her books."

Though Willa Cather is not known by many, her popularity as a writer is rising.

"Cather's short stories 'Paul's Case' and 'Sculptures' are being introduced more and more to the high

school level literature," Albertini said. "Most of her works such as 'My Antonia,' 'O, Pioneers!,' 'The Professor's House' and 'Death Comes to the Archbishop' are read by college level people."

Every year a meeting is held by the National Willa Cather Society for those interested in the life and writings of Willa Cather.

Darrel Dodge, a student on the trip, said, "The trip was a very nice tie-in with the course. It was a very well received and planned aspect of the

course. It also sparked more of an interest in my-part for her pioneering novels."

Dussie Mackay, also taking the trip, said, "It was really enjoyable. It was informative as well as interesting and nicely planned. By having the class and knowing about the novels and insight happenings, the trip meant more to me."

"Most of the students were delighted because they could relate to the scenery and appreciated her works more," Albertini said.



Brad Dusenberry tries to make connections with Dr. Robert Bush, vice president of environmental development, with a remote control cordless phone. Bush said that the phone has been previously used by Data Services and that it was found sitting on a shelf. The University plans to use it in conjunction with the University airplane. Air clearance from Kansas City can be received through the phone. The cordless phone will be used in this matter, but permission to use it from the United Telephone System must be received first. [Missourian Photo/Dave Gleseke]

## Heat

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Cooler weather is expected to arrive by Thursday or Friday, when the daytime highs are expected to peak around 80.

Another problem caused by the high temperatures is an ice shortage in much of the Midwest. According to the Kansas City Star, suppliers in Kansas City cannot keep up with the demand for ice.

In the Star article one ice supplier said he is only getting 10 percent as much ice as he could sell. At Royals Stadium in Kansas City, the concessionaire is shipping ice from Indiana, Illinois and Pennsylvania.

In Maryville the ice shortage is not serious.

A representative from Easter's said they have enough ice for their store with only a slight shortage. A Hy-Vee spokesperson said they have "plenty of ice."

"I've sold a lot of ice and it's hard to keep up with it, but I haven't run out yet," said a representative of 7-11.

Farmers are also suffering from the ice shortage. The dry, hot weather has ripened corn several weeks early. Since ice is used to process corn, farmers are using more ice than usual.

Lack of rain, added to the heat, has pushed the 1980 corn crop to disaster, reported the Kansas City Times. Soybeans and sorghum have also been affected to a lesser extent.

The areas most severely affected by the lack of rainfall are south central Missouri. According to the Times article, corn is "twisting" in the heat and the leaves of some soybean plants are turning yellow.

The storms of last week did not break the drought, said David Horner, meteorologist for the National Weather Service.

"What is needed is more like a long, gentle rainfall," he said in the Times article.

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# Viewpoint

## Hyde amendment break for taxpayers

The recently passed Hyde amendment banning government monies from being spent for women having abortions on welfare is being considered a victory for the anti-abortionists. But actually, pro-abortionists as well as anti-abortionists should support the amendment.

The Hyde amendment—so called because it was supported by Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill.—has nothing to do with whether or not abortions should be legal or not. It is concerned with who should foot the bill for them, and one thing is made clear by the measure—the taxpayers should not shell out the bucks that Medicaid has been using.

Statistics show that about one-third of the 1 million legal abortions performed each year since 1973 in the United States have been for women on welfare. It is anticipated that the amendment will lower the number of Medicaid abortions from 300,000 to fewer than 2,000, the 2,000 consisting of women who have been victims of rape, incest or in a situation in which their immediate or long-term life may be in jeopardy.

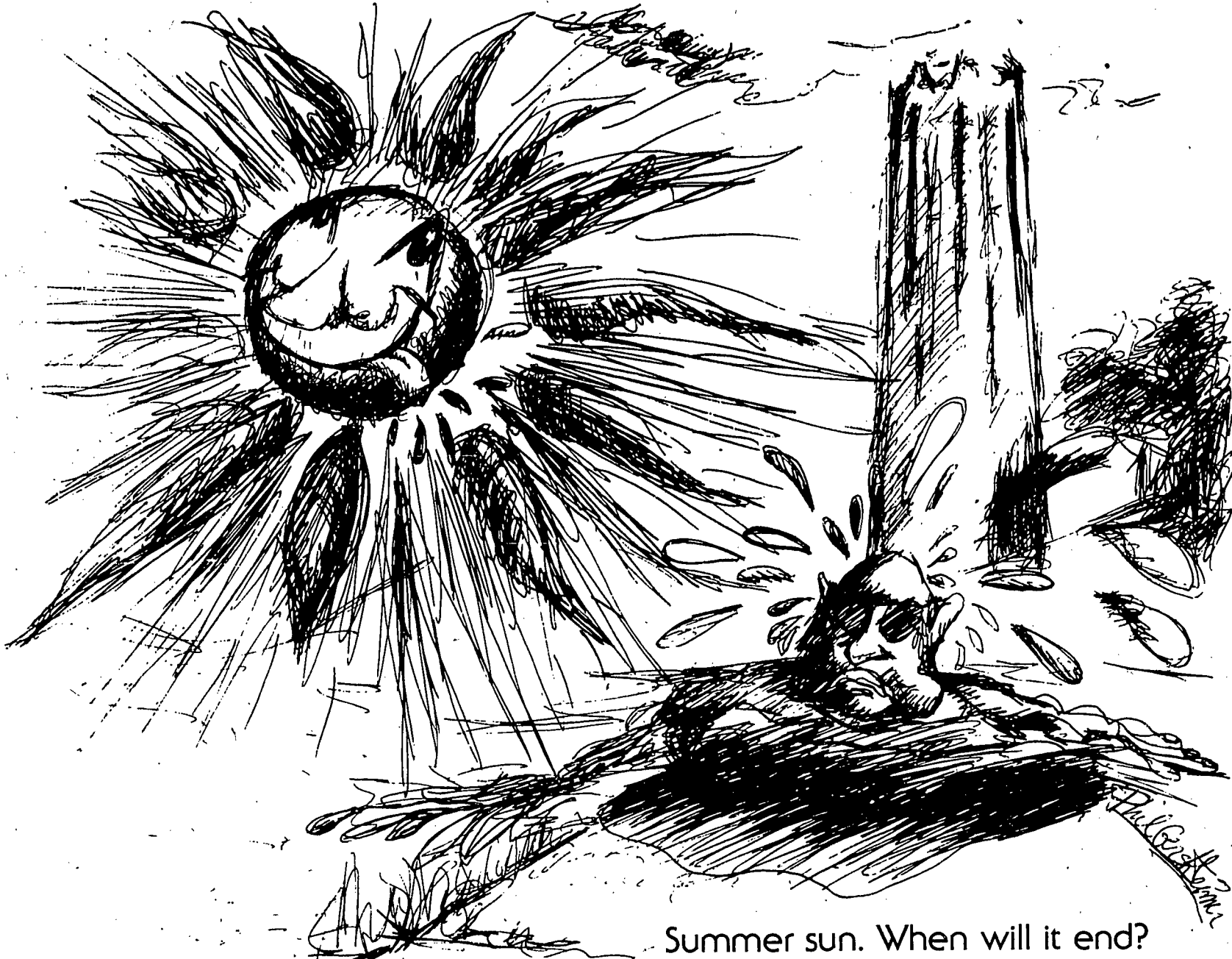
This drastic change in federal spending is not to save money, however, because those women who will no longer have their abortions paid for will still have the costs of childbirth paid for. Welfare payments for childbirth are also expected to rise.

Women on welfare argue that more money will be spent on free lunches and food stamps for their children and they should have their abortion paid for. The only possible response to that argument is why do they let themselves get pregnant? There are plenty of birth control devices—some of them not expensive—available, so why not use them?

The argument for human rights has also been a weapon against the Hyde Amendment. But the constitution only grants the right to have the abortion, it has no obligation to pay for it.

The moral and political issues of abortion should not be the question here, though it does enter in to a degree. Does it make sense that a taxpayer whose moral convictions are strongly against abortion should have to pay for someone else's? Or does it make sense that people who accept the responsibility of making sure an abortion is not necessary should have to pay for someone who did not accept that responsibility?

Because the amendment was passed by such a slim margin, 5-4, this will probably not be the end of it. But, hopefully, the Supreme Court will not back down and compromise with tax dollars that are not constitutionally theirs to compromise with.



Summer sun. When will it end?

## The Stroller

Temperatures may be soaring way over the 100 marker, but your fun-loving Stroller was determined to have a bang-up Fourth of July. Since Maryville wasn't exactly overflowing with holiday activities, your man decided he might have to create his own fun once again.

While cruising Main Street in search of a good time on that historical day, your Hero spotted a Mud-a-thon. The Super Sunkist Lemon may be a heck of a car and a beautiful piece of machinery (when she runs), but she couldn't compete against those four-wheel machines. Ruling out fun in the mud, your Stroller went looking for more entertainment.

Despite the heat, there seemed to be quite a few of his fellow Maryvillers enjoying themselves with physical activities. The tennis courts were crowded with sweaty bodies and apparently some runners had gone temporarily insane and had bundled themselves up in sweat suits and were pounding down the streets as if bathing in their own sweat was a good time. Although your Hero may be a little athletic at times, the summer heat wave had restricted his activity to walking (very slowly) from his air conditioned dorm to his sometimes air conditioned car. Running did not seem to be quite his style.

The Fourth of July was flying by him and your Stroller was becoming a little dragged down by the heat and boredom, when he remembered what a hot day like today brought—women in bikinis. And what better place to find women in bikinis than a pool. Making a quick U-turn, your man was on his way to the Maryville pool.

Arriving at the pool, your Hero didn't quite find what he expected. The pool was certainly crowded with females in bikinis, but most of them appeared to be in grade school. "Where have all the women gone!?" thought your Stroller desperately. There aren't too many swimming holes in town and he hadn't seen any bikini-clad women braving college pond, so your Campus Carouser figured they must be out at Nodaway Lake.

With just enough gas to get to the

lake and just enough beer to intoxicate a small army, your man was ready for a fun time at the lake. He arrived at Nodaway Lake (affectionately nicknamed Lake Scum) and began to look for the beach full of sunbathers. Although it had been a while since your Hero had been to Lake Scum beach in the daytime, he was sure it had to be somewhere around here.

Your Stroller started the long walk around the lake and after about 50 yards fell on the ground, assured he was a victim of heat stroke. "What a horrible way to go," thought your Hero, as he lay on the ground, all alone in the weeds by the scummy lake. But after a few minutes, your man recovered his senses and decided all he needed was a swim to cool him off.

He looked around to see if there were any other swimmers in the lake and found he was completely alone. Now, your Stroller can be a snazzy dresser at times and had worn his new Mark Spitz swimming trunks for this particular day of girl-chasing. Since his swimming trunks were spotlessly clean and brand new, and the lake was stinking of scum and filth, your Hero could only think of one solution—skinny dipping.

Checking one last time for fellow outdoorsmen, your Hero flung off his trunks and dove into the lake. He held his nose and made it through the scum and out to the deeper waters. Apparently, your Stroller was so busy having a good time in Lake Scum that he didn't notice a station wagon pull up and park next to the Lemon. Next thing he knew, a very conservative-looking, but large, family was walking by his private swimming hole, complete with picnic lunch, swimming rafts and beach towels.

Your naked Stroller knew he could probably last this family out. As long as he stayed in the water, he looked like any normal sunbather, but he did wish he could reach his over-stocked cooler.

Still relaxing in the lake, your man noticed another uninvited guest crashing his private beach party. But this time it was worse than even a herd of little kids—it was the local highway patrol. Since your man was not sure that swimming in Lake Scum was allowed (especially in the raw), he decided the best thing for him to do was hide. Being careful to avoid the picnicking family and the patrolman, your Hero made strokes for the only hiding place in the water—a collection of scum and weeds.

At least the patrolman probably would not stay long and your Hero could leave his smelly hiding place and get on with his Fourth of July celebration. But

it appears your Stroller was out of luck again, since the officer was joining the family across the bank and intended to stay for lunch. Your Scummy Carouser was beginning to get a little tired of laying partially exposed in the sparse weeds, waiting for this family to finish their meal. After what seemed like years, they finally grew tired of the heat and headed for home.

Although your Hero was almost too stiff to move, he grabbed his chance to escape the lake and hit the road. After getting dressed your Hero headed back to the dorms, knowing at least he had fireworks for the night's festivities. But the night's festivities had to be postponed for your man when he found he had sunburned himself. Normally, a simple sunburn would not keep your Campus Carouser from a party. But today he had burned a part of his body that had never seen the sun before.

## Letters to the editor

Dear Editor,

This letter is in reference to the job of the security department. In the past three weeks, six Maryville high school students have been seen on campus harassing college students and vandalizing property. Security has been called several times about these boys, and yet nothing has been done. Their parents have not been contacted even though the names of the boys are known. These boys have no purpose on this campus and should not be here.

since they have caused problems. It seems to me that the security department is in total lack of communication, both with the boys and within the department itself. The job of the security department is to provide safety of property and person. This job is not being met. Until this job is met, Northwest's security department is not worth the time, money or trouble that is being put forth to maintain it.

Sincerely,  
A concerned student

## Campaign '80

As Republicans gather in Detroit for next week's convention, so will hundreds of journalists who will provide us with everything we want to know except the real issues of Campaign '80. In a year when such issues as spiraling inflation, towering unemployment, Soviet aggression and Cuban immigration have tied a knot in the stomach of the American voter, it is disappointing that the media have let themselves be manipulated by the candidates.

Let there be no misconception that Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan and even John Anderson do not know how to use the media to their advantage. This has become a "television era" and every candidate is aware of the impact which television has on the American voter.

With this in mind, it is easy to see why George Bush refused to discuss issues and why Edward Kennedy came across as wishy-washy in a November interview with Roger Mudd.

Pinpointing the reason the media tend to shy away from discussing issues and turn a presidential campaign into a circus is not an easy task. The media blame the candidates for not coming across. The viewers blame the media for playing the numbers game and exploiting a win until the candidate is blown out of proportion. (Remember Bush in Iowa?)

Whatever the main problem, the basis begins in the way which we elect our president. There is no need for 37 primaries which do nothing but lead reporters into the woodwork of the American electorate and dig up every blue-collar, red-blooded, grass-root voter and ask him how he would vote. With such a system, the media are forced to perform badly and the fact is, the performance gets old. As much as I like Walter Cronkite, I can't stand to look at him after six months of primaries.

It is time that the media realize how much candidates are using them to gain overexposure and, in turn, how ridiculous the media begin to look.

With a change in the primary system and a more concise method of electing presidents, it will be possible to conduct an issue-oriented and intellectual campaign which the media can prove themselves professional enough to cover.

In the meantime, we must put up with such media events as Jimmy Carter in 1976 and Ronald Reagan in 1980. And if you want to see a well produced and staged show, don't bother with any movies this summer. Next week's Republican Convention is your best entertainment bet.

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## On the sidelines

By Dave Gleske

The boxing world is in disarray following the fiasco that the World Boxing Council called a heavyweight championship of the world Monday night.

That fiasco involved Larry Holmes and the "great white hope" of the evening---Scott LeDoux. The fight was clearly all Holmes and about the only excitement in it was whether it would end soon enough.

This type of fight is just an example of what the boxing world has gotten itself into lately. The heavyweight division, traditionally the class division in the sport, has gone downhill in the past three or four years. Holmes is only one of the sport's two heavyweight champions. The other one is Mike Weaver, who won the title by knocking out the former champion John Tate. Neither of these two (nor Holmes for that matter) are up to par of an Ali, Frazier or Lewis in their prime.

In the fight Monday night, LeDoux

received \$300,000 to go around the ring and be beaten to a pulp by Holmes. The champ got \$1 million and will continue to get these outrageous amounts of money until someone gets lucky and wins the title from him.

Holmes is definitely the class of the division right now, but being the best of a lousy situation is not always that good. Weaver, the World Boxing Association's champion, is certainly a lark and will hold his title for maybe a few more months. Tate is not of championship caliber either, having been knocked out two times in a row. LeDoux does not even belong in the same class after his performance Monday night. So what does that leave Holmes? It has to be Muhammad Ali. He still is one of the best, despite his overweight and layoff for several months. Holmes and Ali are supposed to meet for the title sometime in September and October and if it can be pulled off, look for Ali to win the title again for the fourth time. Holmes is

good, but he doesn't have the flair that Ali, Frazier and even George Foreman had for the title. But if Ali doesn't fight him, Holmes could become an undefeated champion of the world.

While the heavyweight division is in the pits, the lower weights are now beginning to flourish. With the past fights (Roberto Duran/Sugar Ray Leonard) bring back memories of the pre-Ali era. With fighters like these two, Alan Minter and Salvador Sanchez, the lower weights will be in the limelight, until a fighter of Ali's stature comes along.

That's what the heavyweight division needs right now, a fighter like Ali. But then again, maybe Sylvester Stallone will take up the game. Maybe he can convey the same type of spirit in the ring as he did on the screen. It's just too bad that Rocky couldn't fight his next fight against Holmes. Then he would really be the heavyweight champion of the world.



## Here's mud in your eye

Rick Napp of Redding, Iowa, unbuckles his helmet after traveling 130 feet, 11 inches in the Maryville Jaycees second annual Mud-a-thon. Napp traveled the farthest in the Fourth of July event and won the super modified class. The event, which had \$1,050 in prize money, attracted more than 1,500 people. [Missourian Photo/Dave Gleske]

## NWMSU junior attempts to cross nation on bicycle

By Roger Hagewood

"My goal for the summer is to cross the entire country by bicycle," said Pat Munoz, a junior at NWMSU.

Munoz has already completed half of the trip by following the Trans America Trail, a coast-to-coast bicycle trail, from the Pacific Coast to the Midwest.

Munoz, a native of Chile, thinks his trip was a worthwhile experience.

"My life has already changed since this trip," Munoz said. "I was always in a hurry. But now, after this trip, I've

realized that things are like they are, because if you do what you're doing and it feels right, it's O.K. Now I feel at peace. I don't have any hurry to finish my education because I know it has value."

After a two-day bus ride from Maryville to Astoria, Ore., Munoz began his trip May 12 with only his bicycle and a few essentials.

"I wanted to do it in a very simple way," Munoz said, "not because I

wanted to save money, but because I wanted to do things in a very restricted way. In my country there are very poor people. They live with the essential things you need to live. I wanted to experience something like that."

"Most of the Trans-America Trail goes through national parks, beautiful places where the scenery is," Munoz said. "Most of the time it follows country roads and secondary highways, very isolated roads where you don't see anyone for hours. Riding by yourself you don't see anything but forests and mountains."

Munoz traveled the first part of his journey by himself, covering between 80 and 90 miles a day.

"In Oregon, the first place I had trouble was in McKenzie Pass," Munoz said. "I got caught in snow in the pass."

He had taken only a wind breaker and some sweaters for warmth.

"I didn't think it was going to be that cold in May," Munoz said.

Money was a problem throughout his trip, said Munoz. He thought that \$60 would be enough to get himself safely back to Missouri from Oregon.

"I took \$100 with me," Munoz said. "In the first week I spent almost all of that."

Though he was forced to travel without money for much of the trip, he did receive help from the Rev. Charles Jones, of Newman House, where Munoz lives, and from some friends in Iowa. He was also helped by people he met on the road.

"You meet beautiful people," Munoz said. "They gave me fruit and cookies and drinking water."

"When I was still in Idaho, but getting close to Montana, I started to notice a haze," Munoz said. "People told me it was ash from the volcano. About 60 miles from Missoula it really got too bad and I couldn't ride anymore. The roads were closed and the police were stopping everyone. I told them I had to go to Missoula because I had no money."

He was offered a ride to Missoula and rode the remaining distance in a pickup.

In Missoula, Munoz stayed in an American Youth Hostel.

"It was just terrible," he said. "That place was crazy. The first day everyone

was kind of quiet. The second day you couldn't go out. If you wanted to go out you had to wear a gas mask, so it got pretty wild. The people drank beer and did all kinds of things."

Mountain passes proved troublesome through much of his trip.

"The worst one was in Montana," he said, "when we were going from Missoula to Helena. I thought I was going to die. My toes were frozen and I couldn't ride anymore, so we had to hitchhike. My hands were completely numb and I couldn't feel my feet anymore."

Munoz again encountered cold weather as he approached Yellowstone National Park. About 40 miles before the west entrance to the park he was forced to take refuge from heavy snow and a strong headwind. Munoz and his companion hitched a ride from there to the west entrance of Yellowstone.

"When we got to Yellowstone it was night and the park was closed, but it opened the next morning," Munoz said.

"There was about 30 inches of snow on the ground. The road from Old Faithful to West Thumb, in Yellowstone, crosses the Continental Divide twice. This road was closed but we went anyway."

After sightseeing in Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Park, Munoz had an accident that nearly ended his trip. Near Dubois, Wyo., he and his friend were traveling down a one-lane dirt road that was under construction when a huge truck coming up from behind wanted to pass.

"He blew his horn and it sounded like a train behind me," Munoz said. "I pulled over going faster than lightning, hit a hole and went flying over my bike. I landed on my elbow and had to have five stitches."

"After two or three hours I was ready to ride again, but my bike was wrecked," Munoz said. "The wheel was bent and there was no repair shop, so my friend stood on one side of the rim and I jumped on the other side. It was like a miracle. The wheel straightened up right away. Not even one spoke was broken. I couldn't believe how lucky we were."

Munoz followed the trail through Wyoming and Colorado and began his trip across the plains of Kansas. There was little of interest for a bicyclist, he said.

"The last six days when I was crossing Kansas there was nothing to see," Munoz said. "Sometimes I was covering 140 miles a day and riding from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m."

While traveling through Kansas, Munoz was caught in a severe thunderstorm. He had ridden 130 miles that day. As evening approached he saw the light from a farmhouse and hoped to get a drink of water.

"All of a sudden I heard thunder and the wind was blowing," Munoz said. "I was scared. I've never seen a storm like that in my life. It started to rain and it felt like the lightning was striking 10 yards away."

Munoz decided to take shelter in the farmer's barn, but found the noise unbearable. Then he sighted an old Cadillac and took refuge there.

"Then it started hailing," Munoz said. "Ice cube size hail. It was like rocks falling from the sky."

The next day he found that the hail had broken the windshield in the car and had badly damaged the roof on the farmer's house.

"That was no place to be camped out," he said.

Munoz then headed north and returned to Missouri in time for summer registration at NWMSU.



Pat Munoz has completed half of his summer dream. He plans to travel the country by bicycle and has made it back to Maryville. He plans to continue his journey after the completion of the summer session. [Missourian Photo/Skip Shannon]

## Franke signs with Orioles

Tom Franke became the second member of the Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association's conference champion Bearcat baseball team to sign a free agent contract with a major league team.

Franke, a right-handed pitcher, signed with the Baltimore Orioles. He was a second team all-MIAA selection in 1979 and 1980 and a first team all-conference and all-district in 1978.


Franke broke most of the Bearcat pitching records in his four-year career with Coach Jim Wasem. In all he holds 12 "Cat" pitching records, including most career wins (25), most wins a season

(9), most innings pitched in a season (79 1/3), most innings pitched in a career (255) and most complete games in a season (9). His career record was 25-9 with a 3.10 earned run average.

As a sophomore, Franke earned all-American honorable mention honors, as he posted a 7-0 record and the nation's third best ERA, 1.36.

Mark Smith, who signed with the Kansas City Royals, was the first "Cat" to make it in the pro ranks in the past five years. Former Bearcat pitcher David Pfeiffer also signed with the Baltimore organization, but is no longer in professional baseball.

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